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In re Application of:	:	
Simon BARAKAT	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No.: 10/532,644	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 10, 2006	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT
Attorney Docket No.:	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION TO
14.0225-PCT-US	:	MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR
For: SEISMIC ACQUISITION	:	1.102(d)
SYSTEM	:	

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 27, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in a foreign country;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the foreign application(s);
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the foreign application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the Office actions from each of the foreign application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the foreign examiner in the foreign Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Applicant's submission meets the above items, therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt at 571-272-6633.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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